



# MACo LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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The Montana Association of Counties (MACo) publishes this **weekly** bulletin containing summary descriptions of bills of interest to local government officials. **Each issue lists only the bills that have been introduced during the week. Please save this message or print it for future reference.**

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[http://laws.leg.state.mt.us/pls/laws07/law0203w\\$.startup](http://laws.leg.state.mt.us/pls/laws07/law0203w$.startup)

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## 2007 Legislative Session: Transmittal Break

Both the House and Senate are taking their traditional "transmittal break," and most legislators have left Helena. This marks the halfway point of the session. There will be no public hearings or other meetings of the legislature until March 5, 2007, when Legislators will reconvene and undertake budget issues.

Please either click on the following link or enter into your web browser to see the 2007 Transmittal Status: <http://www.maco.cog.mt.us/Legislature/2007TransmittalStatus.xls>. It is also located on the Legislative Information page of the MACo Website. Please be patient; it is a large Excel file listing all bills and their status as well as bills MACo is watching with the MACo position on many of them.

## MACo Website Offers Updated Legislative Information to Members

Go to <http://www.maco.cog.mt.us/Legislature/Legislative.htm> and get quick and easy access to exactly what you're looking for this Legislative session.

Please be sure to call, fax, or e-mail your support for our bills if you cannot attend the hearings. Also, a number of our bills have been passed out of committee and through on the floor. Don't forget to thank your Legislators for their support; they need to hear from you!

## Scheduled Hearings

House and Senate Local Government Committees will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:00 p.m.

\*MACo Bill

### Monday, March 5

	<u>Room #</u>	<u>Time</u>
HB 805 Biennial funding for certain natural resource agencies	Room 102	9:00 a.m.

### Tuesday, March 6

HB 22 Clarify distribution of revenue from fee in lieu of tax on heavy vehicles	Room 303	3:00 p.m.
HB 65 Revise uninsured employer's subsequent injury fund-increase dept. inspect. auth.	Room 422	9:00 a.m.
HB 76 Revise and clarify administrative procedures and appeals for human rights laws	Room 422	9:00 a.m.
HB 102 Revise laws on public financing for special districts	Room 303	3:00 p.m.
*HB 369 Increase county borrowing limit	Room 303	3:00 p.m.
HB 799 Impose real property transfer tax	Room 152	8:00 a.m.
HB 806 Biennial funding for justice, corrections, labor, military affairs, and PSC	Room 102	8:00 a.m.
HB 807 Biennial funding for university system and community colleges	Room 102	8:00 a.m.

SB 8	Independent staff for Board of Land Commissioners	Room 137	8:00 a.m.
SB 40	Gender neutralize and conform code language to bill drafting manual	Room 137	8:00 a.m.
SB 45	Revise laws governing inpatient behavioral health facilities	Room 172	8:00 a.m.
SB 464	Property tax relief - local option realty transfer tax	Room 405	9:00 a.m.

### Wednesday, March 7

HB 84	Clarify court jurisdiction for sales of alcohol to minors	Room 303	9:00 a.m.
HB 469	Clarify tax classification of wireless communication property	Room 405	9:00 a.m.
HB 804	Biennial funding for certain legislative, executive and judicial agencies	Room 102	8:00 a.m.
HB 809	Biennial funding for k-12 education and education related agencies	Room 102	8:00 a.m.
SB 41	Narrow uses for eminent domain	Room 102	8:00 a.m.

### Thursday, March 8

HB 111	Revise unemployment insurance laws	Room 422	9:00 a.m.
HB 128	Revise attorney general's duties re: public bonds & agreements	Room 303	9:00 a.m.
HB 143	Transfer quarterly report requirement for motor vehicle wrecking facility	Room 405	3:00 p.m.
HB 145	Clarify building code inspections in certified county and city programs	Room 303	3:00 p.m.
HB 251	Allow creation of city court of record	Room 303	9:00 a.m.
HB 290	Loan of equipment to fire agencies	Room 303	3:00 p.m.
HB 322	Clarify legislative entities that can request Attorney General opinions	Room 303	9:00 a.m.
*HB 428	Revise junk vehicle laws	Room 405	3:00 p.m.

### Friday, March 9

HB 52	Revise payment of court costs for contested election	Room 335	3:00 p.m.
HB 62	Authorize contributions of annual leave to sick leave fund	Room 335	3:00 p.m.
HB 149	Increase homestead debt protection	Room 303	9:00 a.m.
HB 286	Revise allocation or workforce training funds to high poverty areas	Room 422	9:00 a.m.

## Projected Session Calendar

**Please note:** Leadership holds the authority to further revise the schedule, including the days the Legislature meets and the proposed breaks.

**Introduction deadlines:** Generally, bills and resolutions must be introduced within 2 legislative days after delivery. JR 40-50, H40-10.

**"General bills"** is used to denote all bills, except appropriation or revenue bills, and all joint resolutions.

**Notes:** Deadline dates are determined according to legislative days, using a 6-day legislative week.

Certain bills and resolutions relating to administrative rules may be transmitted at any time during the session. JR 40-200(3).

March 1-4:	Transmittal Break
March 21:	Transmittal of Revenue Estimating Joint Resolutions
March 23:	Last Day for Committee to Request Revenue Bills
March 29:	Transmittal of Appropriation Bills
April 3:	Transmittal of Revenue Bills
April 5:	Transmittal of Amendments to General Bills
April 6-8:	Break
April 10:	Last day to request Study Res. or Comm. Bills to implement HB2
April 16:	Transmittal of amendments to Appropriation Bills
April 18:	Transmittal of amendments to Revenue Bills and Revenue Est. Jnt. Res.
April 21:	Transmittal of Interim Study Resolutions
April 27:	Session Adjourns; Sine Die

## MACo Resolutions/Legislation

#	Title	Res. #	Sponsor	Status	As Of
HB 12	Generally revise county attorney salaries and prosecution services	2006-23	Tim Callahan	(H) Hearing	1/12
HB 27	Establish wireless enhanced 9-1-1 system	2006-12	Robyn Driscoll	(H) Scheduled for 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	3/05
HB 47	Revise size of parcel for disposal of household or agricultural waste	2006-07	Dave Gallik	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	2/28
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HB 49	Require study of local government special purpose districts	2006-02	Robin Hamilton	(H) Hearing	2/26
HB 92	Modernize public health laws	2006-36	Eve Franklin	Transmitted to Senate	2/27
HB 96	Fund veteran cemetery maintenance	2006-22	Krayton Kerns	(H) Bill Passed as Amended	2/27
HB 174	Revise reimbursement of counties for detention costs	2000-25	Carol Lambert	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	2/28
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HB 206	Revise county mill levy elections	2006-04	Pat Ingraham	Referred to Committee	1/23
→ →				(S) State Administration	
HB 207	Revise time of oath of office for county officials	2006-17	Pat Ingraham	Referred to Committee	1/19
→ →				(S) State Administration	
HB 253	Eliminate county election requirement for construction of certain bridges	2006-19	John W. Ross	Transmitted to Senate	2/13
HB 269	Revise weed laws	2006-03	John W. Ross	Referred to Committee	2/16
→ →				(S) Finance and Claims	
HB 314	Clarify appointment authority for airport authorities	2006-13	Llew Jones	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	2/28
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HB 360	Prohibit use of nonwood bats in competitive nat'l youth league baseball games	2006-38	Bill McChesney	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	2/28
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HB 364	Establish board and fund to compensate livestock owners for wolf predation	2006-21	John Brueggeman	Transmitted to Senate	2/26
HB 369	Increase county borrowing limit	2006-26	JP Pomnichowski	(S) Hearing	3/06
HB 370	Uniform penalty and enforcement for zoning violations	2004-28	JP Pomnichowski	Tabled in Committee	2/06
→ →				(H) Judiciary	
HB 426	Eliminate limit on county road and bridge depreciation reserve funds	2006-16	John W. Ross	Transmitted to Senate	2/13
HB 428	Revise junk vehicle laws	2006-05	Dave Gallik	(S) Hearing	3/08
HB 541	Youth employment program	2006-14	John L. Musgrove	(H) Hearing	2/13
HB 551	Pre-commitment evaluation for mental illness	2006-34	Arlene Becker	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	2/28
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HB 561	Revise county bonding authority	6-26	John L. Musgrove	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	2/28
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HB 582	Interim zoning for counties	2006-06	Mike Jopek	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	2/28
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HB 729	Amend county advertising requirements	2006-15	Holly Raser	Transmitted to Senate	2/27
HB 745	Authorize county occupancy permits	2006-27	JP Pomnichowski	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	2/28
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SB 21	Allow counties to establish and fund veteran's cemeteries	2006-22	Lane L. Larson	Referred to Committee	2/26
→ →				(H) Taxation	
SB 78	Clarify stream access from bridges	2004-11	Lane L. Larson	Transmitted to House	2/10
SB 146	Juvenile delinquency disincentive program	2006-20	Jim Shockley	Transmitted to House	1/26
SB 155	Older American's trust law	2006-08	Carol Williams	Transmitted to House	2/22
SB 270	Revise filing deadline for independent candidates, minor parties	2006-29	Lane L. Larson	Transmitted to House	2/15
SB 308	Revise road levy election law	2004-04	Jim Peterson	Transmitted to House	2/12
SB 341	Biennial selection of certain contractors by counties	2006-33	Dave Lewis	Transmitted to House	2/17
SB 358	Allow any election to be conducted by mail	2006-11	Lane L. Larson	(S) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	2/28
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SB 364	Revise replacement of county commissioner when no quorum possible	2006-35	Bob Story	Transmitted to House	2/15
SB 492	Exempt certain local government property transactions from appraisal	2006-30	Kelly Gebhardt	Transmitted to House	2/26
LC0088	Older Montanan's trust fund	2006-08	Cynthia Hiner	Draft on Hold	10/17
LC1156	Plan for mental health drop-in centers	2006-37	Arlene Becker	Draft on Hold	11/28
LC1158	Mental health services plan revision	2002-19	Arlene Becker	Draft on Hold	11/28
LC1503	County option for mail ballot elections	2006-11	Diane Sands	Draft on Hold	2/09

## County Administration

HB 415            Require parkland dedication in subdivision

## Courts, Justice, Public Safety

HJ 26            Study mental health issues in criminal and juvenile justice systems

SB 545           Revise definition of regional correctional facilities

## Education

HB 807 Biennial funding for university system and community colleges  
HB 809 Biennial funding for k-12 education and education related agencies

## Health and Human Services

HB 118 Revise law on dispensing contraceptives  
HB 802 Revise funding for community mental health and crisis services  
HJ 44 Revise CHIP laws  
SB 265 Revising premium provisions of the comprehensive health association plan

## Land Use and Economic Development

HB 812 Infrastructure development funding  
HJ 39 Study economic development

## Natural Resources; Environment

HB 798 Revise energy impact funding for natural resource development and cessation

## State Administration

HB 781 Revise racial profiling law -- data gathering  
HB 783 Revise election laws  
HB 787 Revise property tax protest law  
HB 790 Revise unemployment insurance contribution rates & admin. Assessments  
HB 792 Index postretirement GABA for future PERS and TRS members  
HB 797 Provide for an early presidential primary  
HB 800 Revise city annexation authority  
HB 804 Biennial funding for certain legislative, executive and judicial agencies  
HB 806 Biennial funding for justice, corrections, labor, military affairs, and PSC  
HB 808 Biennial funding for DPHHS  
HJ 43 Study aspects of judicial branch of state government  
SB 548 Report of canvass is election record for certified rosters of legislators

## Taxes, Fees, Revenues

HB 799 Provide for an early presidential primary